

FRESNO/KINGS/MADERA
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

**HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

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I. POLICY

The Disaster Patient Distribution Matrix may be utilized by Base Hospitals in Fresno, Kings, and Madera Counties as a guideline for patient destination determination in situations involving ***ten (10) or more Immediate Priority an/or Delayed Priority Patients*** requiring transport to a hospital.

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide the Base Hospitals and Disaster Control Facilities (DCF) with guidelines for the distribution of patients involved in multi-casualty incidents involving ***ten (10) or more Immediate Priority an/or Delayed Priority Patients***.

III. PROCEDURE

A. This policy may be utilized in incidents with ***ten (10) or more Immediate Priority an/or Delayed Priority Patient*** in a single event or when multiple scenes are combined into a single incident.

B. The Matrices serve four (4) areas* in the Fresno, Kings, and Madera Operational Areas:

1. Zone 1 - Eastern/Central Fresno County, including Mendota & all of Madera County.
2. Zone 2 - Kings County North, South & East of Interstate 5.
3. Zone 3 – Southwest area of Fresno County, and Kings County southwest of Interstate 5.
4. Zone 4 - Fresno County northwest.

*Note: The mapping is loosely defined and meant primarily as guide for managing events within a geographic area (zone). DCF personnel should estimate the impact area as depicted within the map zone boundaries.

C. The first three EMS transportation units may transport IMMEDIATE priority patients from the scene prior to initiating the Pre-Transportation Call-in to the Base Hospital/DCF. However, the Pre-Transportation Call-in shall occur immediately following the initiation of patient transport(s).

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- D. The Disaster Control Facility should consider incorporating patients from any other incidents that occur simultaneously at other locations during a declared MCI, which allows the DCF during a declared MCI to measure the distribution of all patients from the Operational Area to appropriate receiving facilities.
- E. The Disaster Control Facility will receive notice from the EMS Communications Center Dispatcher when other multi-patient incidents occur during a declared MCI.

